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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE PROVOCATION OF AIR PASSAGE

NARROWING AND/OR THE INDUCTION OF SPUTUM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for attempting to provoke <u>airway</u> narrowing [of the upper or lower airways] in a subject comprising the steps of (a) causing the subject to inhale into [the] <u>subject's</u> airways an effective amount of a substance capable of altering the osmolarity of airway surface liquid in the subject, which substance is in the form of a dispersible dry powder containing an effective proportion of particles of a respirable size, and (b) measuring in the subject a parameter indicative of the resistance to air flow of the subject's airways.

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